

## Daily update (23 September 2020, 5.25pm)

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This year, it is more important than ever that our staff are vaccinated against the flu. We are starting to see the number of COVID-19 cases rise again and we know the impact that both flu and COVID-19 can have on people's health. So it is vital that we, as an NHSGGC community, do all we can to try and keep ourselves, our patients and our colleagues safe. That's why we are calling on all staff to play their part by registering for their flu vaccination.

To take into account COVID-19 guidelines, in particular social distancing, the way that we will be vaccinating staff has changed this year. There will be two routes: Staff in clinical areas will be vaccinated through the peer vaccination programme in their place of work. Non-clinical staff will be vaccinated by Occupational Health.

For staff, who will get their flu vaccination via peer vaccination [at your place of work], you should fill in the <u>registration form</u> BEFORE being vaccinated. This will enable us to plan effectively to ensure that vaccine can be ordered. (If you are not on the GGC network please use <u>this link to the registration form</u>.)

Staff who are based on non-clinical sites (IT, finance, laundry, decontamination unit, telecommunications) and facilities and laboratory staff will be vaccinated by Occupational Health using an appointments only service. If you are part of this group, you can find out more information on how you can get your vaccination by clicking <u>here</u>. Please note that Occupational Health will NOT be operating a drop-in service, so please register in advance to ensure you get your vaccination.

To support the peer vaccination programme, we are looking for more staff to act as vaccinators for clinical staff. If you would like to find out more about how you can support colleagues and become a peer vaccinator, please <u>click here</u> to find out more and fill in the form to register your interest.

Getting your flu vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing flu. The vaccine doesn't give you flu and in fact will protect you for up to 12 months, so our message to staff is simple: let's do our bit and take this easy but important step to protect ourselves, our patients and our families this winter.

For more information on the Staff Flu Vaccination Programme, visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/staffflu

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: <u>www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19</u>. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the <u>FAQs</u> first. If you have any further questions, please email: <u>staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk</u>

Staff are reminded to make sure their personal contact details are up to date on eESS.



It's important to maintain the social distancing rule. Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.

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